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APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.	ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231
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- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages **29**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages **1**]
- Newly executed (original or copy)
 Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all necessary*)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - ii. paper.
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS	
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9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)* Power of Attorney
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
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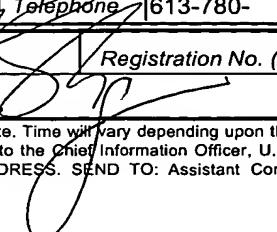
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Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group Art Unit: _____

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CONTENTS OF SUBMISSION

Filing cover page
 Utility Patent Application Transmittal PTO/SB/05
 Application having 29 pages and including 10 claims
 Information disclosure statement with form PTO 1449
 SIGNED inventor declaration with 3 signature(s)
 Assignment(s) and assignment recordal sheet(s) (1) in number
 Patent Application Fee Determination Record PTO/SB/06 and
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Sir:

Re: New United States Patent Application
Title: DRILLING FLUID
Inventors: BALTOIU, Len et al.
Our File: 9-15652-2US

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

INVENTOR: Len BALTOIU et al.

TITLE OF THE INVENTION: DRILLING FLUID

The following documents are enclosed:

- a) Utility Patent Application Transmittal PTO/SB/05
- b) Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (in duplicate) and Patent Application Fee Determination Record PTO/SB/06, covering:

Filing Fee	\$385.00
Recording of Assignment	\$ 40.00
Total Number of Claims: 10	
Independent claims in excess of 3 (0 @ \$84/42)	\$ 0.00
Claims in excess of 20 (0 @ \$18/9)	\$ 0.00
Multiple dependent claim (0 @\$280/140)	\$ 0.00
Total	\$425.00
- c) Specification/Claims/Abstract
- d) Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449
- e) Declaration under 37 CFR 1.63, with

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- f) Power of Attorney
- g) Assignment in favor of Q'MAX SOLUTIONS INC.
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- h) Return receipt postcard.

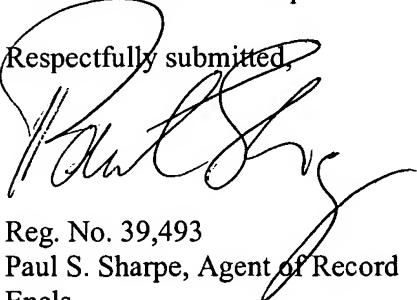
The applicant/inventor(s) qualify for small entity status.

Benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) is claimed of the United States provisional application No. 60/460,878, filed April 8, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to our Account No. 19-5113.

Please note that the address of the agents for the applicant in this matter should be the Montreal address identified in the enclosed Power of Attorney. Correspondence may be directed to Paul S. Sharpe at the Montreal address of Swabey Ogilvy Renault.

Respectfully submitted,



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Application Number	New Application
Filing Date	New Application
First Named Inventor	BALTOIU, Len
Examiner Name	Unknown
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	385
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 385)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
10	-20** = 0		X		
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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 0)

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Small Entity

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40
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1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 40)

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